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U.S. EPA Records Center
c/o Peterson/Puritan, Inc. Superfund Site.
1 Congress Street
Boston, MA 02114-2024

Superfund Records Center
SITE: Peterson Puritan
BREAK: 11.9
OTHER: 41770

Re: Notice of Potential Liability Pursuant to Section 104 of
CERCLA at Operable Unit Two of the Peterson/Puritan, Inc.
Superfund Site which includes the J.M. Mills Landfill in
Cumberland, Rhode Island

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are in receipt of Mr. Richard Cavagnero's letter dated November 7, 2002, regarding the above-referenced Superfund Site (the "Site"). Mr. Cavagnero asks whether General Cable Industries, Inc. ("General Cable") wishes to negotiate a resolution of its alleged liabilities in connection with the Site.

Please be advised that we are in the process of attempting to locate information responsive to the information request which is also contained in Mr. Cavagnero's letter. This process, however, will not be completed until after the due date established by EPA for advising it of whether we intend to participate in settlement negotiations. Under the circumstances, we reply as follows:

It is General Cable's policy and practice to cooperate with government agencies, including EPA, to facilitate amicable dispute resolution and to avoid transaction costs which are likely to be higher than the amount of settlement. Consistent with this policy, and while General Cable does not believe that it has created the Site conditions being addressed by EPA, it is willing to participate in group negotiations with other alleged potentially responsible parties in an effort to resolve this matter quickly and at limited expense. General Cable's willingness to so participate is not intended to and should not be construed as an admission of liability for or responsibility with respect to conditions at the Site.

Please direct any further communications regarding this matter to our counsel, Ken Klass at 215-569-5573.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Steve Messinger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a stylized "M".

cc: Ken Klass
Steve Messinger

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